LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the report on the Administration of the Mysore City Municipality for the year 1937-38.

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2. *Constitution.*—The strength of the Municipal Council continued to be 30, of whom 24 members were elected by the rate-payers and six including the official President were nominated by Government. Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan continued to be the President of the Municipal Council throughout the year. *Rao Saheb* Mr. M. Ramaswami was the Vice-President of the Municipal Council till 2nd February 1938 when his term of office expired. A fresh election was held on the 10th February 1938 and Mr. Dhanakoti Chetty was elected as Vice-President. He held the office during the remaining period of the year.

3. *Meetings.*—The Council held 21 meetings, of which 12 were ordinary, one adjourned and 8 special.

4. *Committees of the Council.*—There were six working Committees. All the Committees with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Legal Committee met regularly and disposed of the items of business referred to them.

5. *Rules and Bye-laws.*—Amendments to the rules relating to the levy of tax on animals and vehicles were sanctioned. Bye-laws relating to the (i) barber shops and hair-dressing saloons, (ii) licensing of goats and pigs, (iii) compulsory registration of marriages within the Municipal limits, (iv) registration of births and deaths, (v) Municipal Markets and (vi) the sale of tobacco were sanctioned by Government during the year.

6. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The arrears at the beginning of the year were Rs. 1,83,600 and the demand for the year was Rs. 5,50,621 (Rs. 5,12,805). The total collections amounted to Rs. 5,55,745 (Rs. 5,06,809) and remissions amounting to Rs. 1,571 were sanctioned, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,76,905 to be collected.

The percentage of total collections to the total demand was 75·6 as against 72·9 in the previous year.

The current demand under assessed taxes was Rs. 2,63,786. Including the arrears of previous year, the collection amounted to Rs. 2,70,481, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,76,905 yet to be collected. The arrears continue to be heavy and energetic steps should be taken to reduce them very early.

7. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 5-4-5 (Rs. 4-11-9), the difference being due to the increase in collections under certain heads.

8. *Finance.*—The Council continued to pay attention to the work of rehabilitation and improvement of its finances. The year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 13,758 and the total revenue under all heads was Rs. 9,87,170 as against Rs. 14,83,284 in the previous year, the difference of Rs. 4,96,114 being mainly due to (i) the non-receipt of contribution from the Trust Board during the year, ii) lesser receipts from amusement tax and from debenture loans and (iii) decrease in income under deposits and advances.

The total expenditure under all heads amounted to Rs. 9,10,425 as against Rs. 14,87,698 in the previous year. The decrease in expenditure is due generally to the reduction of expenditure under several heads and mainly under Public Works, Public Health and Convenience and Public Debt. The chief items under which expenditure has exceeded that of last year are (i) Pensions and Gratuities, (ii) Charges of Collection and (iii) Street Lighting.

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9. *Public Works.*—The total expenditure under Public Works amounted to Rs. 1,13,253 as against Rs. 1,42,468 in the previous year. The following are some of the important works executed during the year:—

(i) Four petrol "kiosks" in the City Bus Terminus.
(ii) Three motor lorry sheds in the Municipal Office Compound.
(iii) Twelve houses for the use of sweepers in the New Manantoddy Road Extension.
(iv) A toddy shop on the Manantoddy Road.
(v) Seven public flush latrines with urinals.
(vi) A public bath and a lavatory in the City Bus Terminus.
(vii) Conversion of three old type latrines into flush latrines with up-to-date sanitary fittings.
(viii) Improvements to the public Bath near Doddakere waste weir.

A sum of Rs. 50,000 was spent on underground drainage out of loan funds.

The outlay incurred on the upkeep and maintenance of roads, buildings and house connections, etc., was Rs. 81,323 as against Rs. 99,552 in the previous year.

Arrangements were made during the year for the protection of dry cows and unproductive stock by permitting their stalling and grazing at the Sewage Farm for a small fee of Rs. 2 per head per month. Certain important streets in the City were re-named. A cold storage plant was installed by a private company in the premises of the Devaraja Market with a view to facilitate the preservation of vegetables, fruits, eggs and meat in a fresh and hygienic condition; and an up-to-date map of the City with Isometric views of all the important buildings and land marks was got prepared during the year.

10. *Water Supply.*—Improvements to the water-supply distribution system were also carried out during the year out of the normal revenues by laying mains and sub-mains in different Mohallas.

11. *Public Health.*—The Public Health of the City during the year was generally good, except for a mild outbreak of Plague during August 1937. The infection persisted till about the end of October 1937. Vigorous steps were taken to abate its spread. The anti-rat campaign and the anti-malarial operations were continued during the year. Licenses were issued for hotels, coffee clubs, sweet-meat shops, bakeries and aerated water factories in strict conformity with the Sanitary Rules. Five-hundred and ninety-six houses were disinfected for several causes during the year under report. Sixty-six prosecutions were launched against persons who brought to sale adulterated stuffs and 61 of them ended in conviction under the Food Adulteration Act.

12. *Municipal Farm.*—The gross revenue of the Farm which was Rs. 24,446 in 1936-37 rose to Rs. 25,374 in 1937-38.

13. *Compost.*—The manufacture of compost out of street rubbish and night soil was continued during the year and the outturn of manure was 3,100 tons. The income from the sale of compost was Rs. 5,997 as against Rs. 9,298 in the previous year. The compost section put up a stall during the Dasara Exhibition and was awarded a gold medal.

14. *Public Instruction.*—The Municipal Council continued to be the Local Education Authority in respect of the Primary Schools in the City. The number of schools that were under its control was 57. The combined strength of these schools was 6,853 as against 6,559 in the previous year. The expenditure incurred on primary education out of the Municipal funds amounted to Rs. 29,240 as against Rs. 27,240 in the previous year.

15. *General.*—A happy and memorable event which the City was privileged to witness, was the marriage of Prince Sri Jaya Chamarajendra Wadiyar Bahadur, which was celebrated on the 15th of May 1938.

A Market Show was held during Dasara 1937 and was opened by *Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan of Mysore.

Government are glad to observe that the Municipal Council under the able guidance of its President, Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, is maintaining the standard of municipal administration at a high level of efficiency and is exploring new avenues of usefulness.

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